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REMARKS

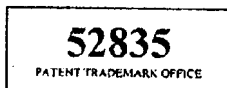
This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on August 24, 2007. Claim 19 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Claims 1-17 are pending.

§103 Rejections:

Claim 19 is rejected as being unpatentable over Totani (US Patent No. 6,109,645) in view of Nimura (US Patent No. 5,762,983) and further in view of Ishida (JP Publication No. 2002-234413). Claim 19 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot. Applicant's do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

Conclusion:

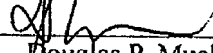
Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.



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